

## Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph in lines 13-23 on page 23 with the following amended paragraph:

The posterior end of the coupling element includes a cross member 80 which is secured between two longitudinally extending plates 81 and 82 of the coupling element by metal screws 83 and 84 at each end of the cross member. The radially inner end 76 of the spiral 75 is secured to the cross member 80 of the coupling by a threaded fastener 85 as depicted in Fig. 30. From its point of connection to the cross member, the calf shank spirals around the radially inner end 76 above the heel portion of the foot keel, also referred to herein as the hindfoot portion; and extends upward anteriorly from the spiral through an opening 85 through the coupling element between plates 81 and 82 anterior of the cross member 80. A cross member 86 in the anterior end of coupling element 73 is secured between plates 81 and 82 by fasteners 87 and 88 at each end as seen in Figs. 28 and 30. The fastener 78 is received in a threaded opening in cross member 86.